

**REMARKS**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives during the interview conducted on January 14, 2010. The substance of the interview is reflected in the remarks below.

Claims 1-22, 25-34, and 37-40 are pending and remain rejected based on prior art. Claims 1-5, 9-16, 20-22, 25, 26, 29-32, 34, 35, and 37-40 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hobbs et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,197,138; hereinafter "Hobbs") in view of Wilson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,944,736; hereinafter "Wilson"). Claims 6-8, 17-19, 27, 28, 33, and 36 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hobbs in view of Wilson and Radhakrishna (U.S. Patent No. 6,823,414).

The Examiner agreed that the amendments to the claims overcome the prior art of record. Withdrawal of the prior art rejections is therefore respectfully requested.

New claims 41 and 42 have been added to more completely define the subject matter of the application.

Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.


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